Interpellation.

(*d*) In view of the answer given by Government to an interpellation on this subject on 7th April 1920, to the effect that "Government had repeatedly laid down that, as far as possible, no Travancorean who holds an English School Leaving Certificate qualifying for admission to a University Course should be denied admission to His Highness the Maha Raja's College on the ground of want of accommodation", will the Government be pleased to state whether Travancoreans who had sought admission in the above College during the current academic year were denied admission, and if so, how many were thus refused admission?

(*e*) Will the Govefnment be pleased to enquire into the above matter and publish the result of their enquiries in order to allay the wide-spread popular feeling that a large number of His Highness the Maha Raja's subjects are still obliged to seek admission in institutions outside the State because they are unable to obtain admission in Travancore?

22. III. (*a*) Are the Government aware of the grievances of the agriculturists in the Trivandrum Division on account of the lack of adequate irrigational facilities?

(*b*) Do the Government recognise the urgent necessity of taking effective steps for the early restoration of the numerous irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

(*c*). Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Committee appointed to investigate and report on the condition of the sources of irrigation in the Neyyattinkara

Answer.

No applicant who is a Travancorean was denied admission to the Junior B. A. Class. The number of Travancore School Leaving Certificate holders not admitted to the Junior Intermediate Class is 57.

Government do not consider that a very large number of Travancoreans have been denied admission and they therefore do not consider any enquiry necessary.

Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.

(*a*) and (*d*). No irrigational grievances have been brought to the notice of Government in respect of any taluk in the Division other than Neyyattinkara.

(*b*) and (*c*). The Government have recognised the need for improving the irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk. The Committee accordingly appointed to investigate the matter have not sent up their final report. They have passed a resolution recommending immediate investigation in respect of 137 tanks and Vandiyur and Karupatti *chiras*, precedence being given to the *chiras*, and the tanks in the pakuthies of Kulathoor, Chengal and Parassala, where failure of crops largely occurs. The P. W. D. are now engaged in estimating for the works. In the meanwhile, the Trivandrum Peishkar has reported that the preparation of the estimates may be limited to the extent of funds available from year to year and that it is desirable to allot a certain amount in the Budget of 1096 and succeeding years for the tanks in question, the Committee selecting the tanks that could be repaired each year with the funds provided. The Chief Engineer has agreed to this view, and the whole matter is now under the consideration of Government

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Interpellation.	Answer.
Taluk have submitted any report or recommendation to Government? If so, will they be pleased to publish the same, and state what action, if any, they have taken on the matter?	
(*d*). Will the Government be pleased to declare what further action they intend taking towards the improvement of irrigational facilities in the Trivandrum Division?	
Mr. J. John Nidiry.	
23. I. *Reorganisation of the Judicial Department.*	*Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.*
(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken with regard to the recommendations made by the High Court for the reorganisation of the Judicial Department?	The matter is engaging the attention of Government.
(*b*). (1) When was the last reorganisation of the Department?	
(2) Do not the Government think that the reorganisation of the Department is overdue?	
(3) Are not the Government aware that there is a large and growing revenue from the Department?-	
(4) Do the Government think that the present salary of Munsiffs and Judges (including the High Court) is sufficient in the altered economic condition to keep up their prestige?	
(*c*) (1) How many years have elapsed since the minimum pay of Rs. 150 was fixed for Munsiffs?	
(2) Are the Government aware that there are Munsiffs who have not received an increase for 10 years together?	
(3) Do not the Government feel that to have an efficient service a well contented service is a *sine qua non*?	
(4) Would it not be advisable as was recently done in the Madras Provincial Judicial Service to have increments fixed on a time scale?	
24. II. *Employment of non-caste Hindus and non-Hindus in the Land Revenue Department.*	*Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.*
With reference to the statement in G. O. No. D. 952, dated the 3rd April 1920, "the number of posts in that Department (Land Revenue) which are actually closed to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus is only about forty".—	
(*a*) will the Government be pleased to state what those 40 posts are?	Tahsildars, Division Assistants and Peishkars.
(*b*) are the Government aware that as a matter of fact the non-caste and non-Hindus are practically excluded from the Land Revenue Department?	(*b*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*). Government will enquire and consider.

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